

BITS ABOUT MUSICIANS.

Caruso, the celebrated Italian tenor, is the son of a Naples engineer.

Dr. Joachim, one of the most famous of violinists, recently celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday in London. He absolutely refuses to write his memoirs.

Paganini's violin rests in the old town hall in Genoa. It lies upon satin in a glass case, and has never been played upon save by Sforzi, and recently by Hubermann.

Leonardo de Vinci not only put the violin into the hands of his heroes, but he himself played upon a unique violin at the extremity of which was a carved horse's head.

Mme. Gaski sang the three Brunnsliden in an opera festival recently in Munich with such effect that Prince Regent Luitpold bestowed upon her King Ludwig's Order of Art and Science.

Sarasate, the great Spanish violinist, has a mascot in the shape of a silver violin. It is his belief that he could not play in public without this charm, but he has never dared to put this superstition to the test.

Tamagno, the great Italian tenor, who died recently, was noted at one time for his penuriousness, but when he returned to Varese, Italy, he changed. He built a villa which for artistic beauty had few equals anywhere, and entertained lavishly. He finally gave the villa to his only daughter as a wedding present.

The fact has just been made public that Dudley Buck, the eminent composer of church music, has exalted himself, and will pass the remainder of his life in Munich. Mr. Buck sailed for Europe several weeks ago, but it was not then disclosed that he intended to remain abroad. It has been known that Mr. Buck was dissatisfied, but it seems extraordinary that, at his age (he was born in Hartford, Conn., March 10, 1839), he should thus abandon his native country.

BITS AND BREVITIES.

A statue of the Sumerian King David, found at Bismya, Babylonia, recently, is believed to date back to 4500 B. C.

Lhasa, the Forbidden City of Tibet, has 10,000 people, two-thirds of whom are women, who conduct all the business of the city.

More courteous in its wording than most epitaphs is one in a Derbyshire churchyard which, after giving particulars of birth and death, concludes: "Twas said he was an honest man."

An English druggist gives the following list of blunders made by his poorer customers: "Catch an eel," for cochineal; "prosperous paste," for phosphorus paste; "grease it," for creosote; "fishy water," for Vichy water; "guitar," for catarrh; "everlasting," for effervescing.

One of the facts established within a few years is that mosquitoes are the deadliest of all creatures. A writer in the Lancet adduces evidence which indicates that flies, too, cause thousands of deaths, especially of infants, every summer, by contaminating food with diarrheal germs.

WEE WITTY BITS.

Our worst enemies are the friends who have failed to find us profitable.

The cost of living doesn't trouble those who can beg, borrow or steal.

It is not necessary for a man to carry a gun if he is looking for work.

A lot of energy is expended in trying to find out things we are sorry to know.

A metropolis is a town of so much importance that it no longer has to brag about it.

OLD FASHIONED FARE.

Hot Biscuits, Griddle-Cakes, Pies and Puddings.

The food that made the fathers strong is sometimes unfit for the children under the new conditions that our changing civilization is constantly bringing in. One of Mr. Bryan's neighbors in the great state of Nebraska writes:

"I was raised in the south, where hot biscuits, griddle-cakes, pies and puddings are eaten at almost every meal, and by the time I located in Nebraska I found myself a sufferer from indigestion and its attendant ills—distress and pains after meals, an almost constant headache, dull, heavy sleepiness by day and sleeplessness at night, loss of flesh, impaired memory, etc., etc."

"I was rapidly becoming incapacitated for business, when a valued friend suggested a change in my diet, the abandonment of heavy, rich stuff and the use of Grape-Nuts food. I followed the good advice and shall always be thankful that I did so."

"Whatever may be the experience of others, the beneficial effects of the change were apparent in my case almost immediately. My stomach, which had rejected other food for so long, took to Grape-Nuts most kindly; in a day or two my headache was gone, I began to sleep healthfully and before a week was out the scales showed that my lost weight was coming back. My memory was restored with the renewed vigor that I felt in body and mind. For three years now Grape-Nuts food has kept me in prime condition, and I propose it shall for the rest of my days."

"And by the way, my 2½-year-old baby is as fond of Grape-Nuts as I am, always insists on having it. It keeps her as healthy and hearty as they make them." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There's a reason.

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Horse-Show Sumptuousness



FINE FEATHERS MAKE FINE BIRDS.

The horse show has been in town. With ladies on parade.

Such clothes, such hats, such furs! They all looked as though they should be put in glass cases, and kept there, too fair and frail for everyday needs. But it is not intended they should appear every day; this the great week of the year.

The picture as a whole was that of a mass of creamy lace and rose chiffon, set off by glitter of jewels, a touch of dark fur, the vivid note of roses here and there. Pink was well to the fore, and there was not a little light blue and black velvet, and real lace, enough to bring back a procession of grand dames of yesteryear, when regal velvet was the dress to affect.

The shop windows the past week have had before them a deep crowd of feminine adorners, the streets fairly obstructed by the numbers. And we noticed not a few men, too, gazing admiringly at the vanities displayed; they appear to like the fine feathers themselves. Let us see if we can extract from the many a few special fine feathers—there was one exquisite gray chiffon broadcloth wrap over a white lace gown; the yoke of the wrap of gray panne velvet incrustated with pink flowers, the materials combining very beautifully. The wrap was very broad-shouldered and very full, and in length did not quite reach to the bottom of the gown. To wear with this was a charming hat as we have seen this year, a round turban of white ostrich feathers. One might suppose plumes bent to form a turban would be stringy and loose, but it was not so in this case, the turban a symmetrical shape covered with loveliest soft white fluffiness; the only trimming was some silvery tinsel across the front, imbedded in a plume.

Another costume of soft coloring was warm buff of finest cloth with a long cloak of buff panne velvet. Either the lining was of pink or there was some mysterious shading of the goods to a rosy hue, for here and now one would see salmon tints, again one would swear the gown was just a plain buff. The hat was simple, yet just the thing; a felt of the shade of the gown and cloak, a round sailor affair, tipped over the face, at the back a mass of saffron and pink roses falling low over and standing high up from the hair. Another hat of somewhat the same coloring was a large flat with a crown of very dull gilt shading to pink, the brim a black beaver, the trimming black plumes and salmon pink roses.

There were a goodly number of white lace hats, and it seemed to be the fashion to trim these rather simply; perhaps a band of gilt galloon, perhaps a roll of mink and a single pink rose. There were beautiful subdued reds and pinks; perhaps the hat would be a beaver of warm gray with a suspicion of rose color about it, and the trimming a wreath of dulled red roses and velvet of the exact shade as the flowers. One longish turban, not the frail finery of the others described, was of the shaggy blue beaver, like very deep fur, a draped turban and the only trimming a quilled ruche of gobelin-blue flowered, green gleams in the gobelin blue. It would be just the sort of hat to choose if one required a single hat to do duty for all occasions; there was style to it and the sort of coloring affected just at the present, subdued tints and yet by no manner of means a colorless effect. We would bear witness that the finery in general seemed to us this year to have more artistic meaning than usual; it was not a mere display of a lot of money expended, the coloring as a whole was beautiful.

Of the furs, perhaps ermine, or something ably imitating ermine, was most noticeable. There was much wearing of white feathery neck-pieces, too, and these were largely the same shape as the furs, large flat shoulder pieces as well as ruffs. Color was introduced sometimes, there would be a pink or blue band down the middle of the feather piece. Baby blue and baby pink seemed well restored to favor, and as a rule were becoming. Old-rose colored hats looked most attractive when the wearers had about their throat billows of white ostrich feathers, the latter softening the deep color of the headgear. Really, the horse show was like a flower show, one walked in a garden of beauty.

Some of the Fashions of the Day

Brown is employed as trimming as we do not remember this color ever before to have been. It is one of the latest of the Paris fads. Personally, we prefer the touch of black, which is also a late style. We find the bit of brown on cream gowns, on those of pink, pale blue, etc.; appearing in velvet bands of incrustations. On brown hats contrasting shades are liked, or, better, delicate colors. In spite of our preference for the black garniture, we must acknowledge that a white gown trimmed with some gold-embroidered light brown velvet is exceedingly good.

For white lace waists, there is used a delicate ribbon embroidery in pastel shades, faint pinks and greens and pale blues. It is very pretty indeed. Chiffons and gauzes, as well as all-over laces and embroideries are brought in to requisition for the upper part of the



AN AUTUMN BLOUSE.

Such pretty, pretty waists are out now, lovely plaids in green-blues, blue-creams, wine reds and browns. As we mentioned above, they always tone in with the skirt, but give an air of gaiety to the street suit that the plain waist lacks. Some people object to plaids, however, and we present a design for a plain nun's veiling, a material now popular for the waist of the three-piece dress. It is made with silk braid arranged to form a square yoke, and the ladder-like pattern gives a desirable fancy touch. The sleeves are full above the shoulder, the cuff long and tight-fitting, the girdle is the pointed sort still most favored.

ELLEN OSMONDE

HE WAS TOO PARTICULAR.

Wanted to Know Too Much and the Landlady Turned Him Down.

The popular and prosperous landlady of a flourishing boarding-house, who sometimes receives very unique letters about her rooms, submits this, written by a man, as a sample:

"Dear Madam: I wish to discover something about your house before making up my mind to go into it. Will you kindly tell me whether you have mostly old or mostly young people in your house? Do they stay up late at night to play cards and play on the piano? Are they people what might be considered lively? How many hot baths are taken on an average a day? I am very particular about my drinking water, and want to know whether you filter it and boil it. Which side of the table will you put my chair on? The doctor insists that I have as much sun as possible."

These and similar questions too numerous to be mentioned, says the Philadelphia Record, decided the landlady, and she wrote back to the inquiring young man that no rooms were to be had in her house.

Weighed by His Soap.

In the little town of Peru, ten miles from Pittsfield, the farmers in the winter bring their butter and eggs to Frank Creamer's and exchange them for tea, sugar or anything else they need.

One day Mrs. Ackert brought some butter in pound lumps to exchange, and after weighing them, he said: "Mrs. Ackert, this butter does not weigh a pound."

"I can't help that," she said, "I weighed it by a pound of soap I got here a few days ago."—Boston Herald.

Merely a Fat Man.

"I thought you said he was a big corporation lawyer."

"Not at all."

"I'm sure you told me he spent most of his time attending to a corporation."

"Yes, his own corporation. He's forever eating and drinking."—Brooklyn Eagle.

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Saw the Teeth.

Connecticut Visitor (gazing across the sound toward Oyster Bay)—Is that the White Squadron over there?

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Mrs. Austin's Famous Pancakes. Really delicious.

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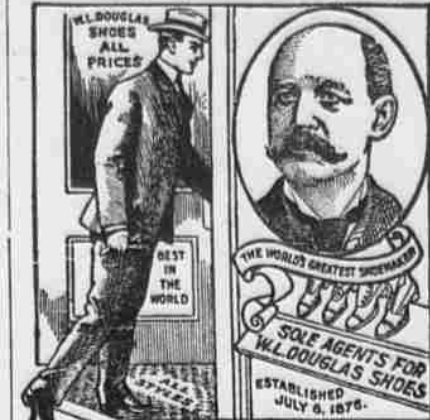
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